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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/845,271

Shigeyuki HARITA, et al. Applicants:

Filing Date: May 1, 2001

Allowed Date: March 26, 2004

For: POLYVINYL ALCOHOL POLYMER FILM,

METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME AND POLARIZATION FILM

Group Art Unit: 1713

Examiner: Marie Reddick

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.181; Copy of Date-stamped Filing Receipt, Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 filed March 2, 2004

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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SIR:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.181 to invoke supervisory authority to:

- (1) verify that the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 2, 2004 has been received and matched with this application, and
- (2) make the application available to the Examiner for formal acknowledgement of this information disclosure statement.

The Applicants notified Examiner Reddick of the above-mentioned information disclosure on March 23, 2004. The PAIR System indicates the present location of this application is "Electronic" and that the above-mentioned information disclosure statement has now been entered into the image file wrapper (IFW). For the convenience of the Examiner a copy of Form 1449 from the previously-filed Information Disclosure Statement and its date-stamped filing receipt is attached to this petition.

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and attached Japanese Office Action (130770, dated 4-22-03). Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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